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The captain stood on the quarter deck,
(For the rest of the deck was dealt).
"O rattle my shrouds and reef the helm,
And tan me the Bos'n's pelt."
For the captain was mad as captains am,
So mad that he didn't give a damn.

The captain stood on the lightning rod,
And shook his fist at the gale.
He was sore as a goat—it isn't odd,
For he'd missed the evening mail.
And he stood on his head away up there,
And gently fluttered his legs in air.

The captain hung by his teeth to the
boom,
And chanted a nautical chant,
And smilingly swallowed the sputtering
spume,
"I'd dance, "says he," but I can't."
"I cannot write, tho' I try and try,"
He groaned and spit in my weather eye.

And this is the song of the captain bold,
And the watch and the compass too,
And the second mate and the banker old,
And his sweetheart's fond adieu,
And if you fail to see them here,
Then it's sorry I am for your sight, my
dear.

—A. B. Braley.





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Always remember that this is only pretence, so that you are not to believe a word of it, even if it is true.—Kingsley

WHATEVER THE POWERS that be shall decide as to the matter of a coach for Wisconsin, it will probably be decided without attention to our somewhat innocuous peep, yet we want to do a bit of constructive campaigning ourselves. Up to the present time the main utterances of THE SPHINX on the athletic situation have been "knocks," deserved we believe, but "knocks" just the same. Now for a few lines we're going to boost a man for the coachship, and that man is Chas. McCarthy.

Wisconsin needs a man who knows football and understands how to impart his knowledge. She needs a man who knows men and how to handle them, she has need of a man whose energy and aggressiveness will instill life and heart into a three years' defeated team, and she needs a man who will strive not only to make Wisconsin's team a victorious one, but a team which is made up of real Wisconsin students, who truly represent the best that clean, honest athletic methods can produce.

We believe that a thorough cleansing of the 'Varsity from all smirch of professionalism and politics will work not only moral but athletic prestige, and we are certain that Mr. McCarthy is imbued with a spirit of moral charity and athletic honor.

Mr. McCarthy's record and experience in coaching are of the best. For one year after his graduation he assisted in coaching the Brown eleven. Then later, in ten short days, he brought the Colby College (Maine) team from the depths of defeat to success, so that the team defeated Bodwain (which had earlier beaten Colby 36 to 0); he coached Georgia University for one season so well that she vanquished every team she played, and he has assisted unofficially and officially at Wisconsin for several years. His work during the season of 1903 was hampered largely in many ways that reflect no credit on his co-workers, yet we think that if anyone will take the trouble to ask members of the 1903 team as to Mr. McCarthy's ability, he will hear only commendation. Such a record of efficiency ought not to be ignored.

To those who desire to know for what policy Mr. McCarthy stands we can say this much:

First—He will insist on absolute discipline on the part of the team. Dissention and disobedience will not be tolerated and any man who is not amenable to discipline

will be put on the side lines, be he star or scrub. Yet bullying and bulldozing of men will be absent; courtesy and decency will be the rule in all dealings between coach and team.

Second—While he will use all honorable means to bring men to Wisconsin, Mr. McCarthy will do no stroke to obtain husky blacksmiths or brawny stable boys who come only for a course in football, nor will he use any monetary persuasions. If made coach his aim will be only to make a 'Varsity team out of 'Varsity men.

Third—Mr. McCarthy will, if given the place, seek to install here the best possible training system, built upon knowledge gleaned from the most expert trainers throughout the country, and the training table will be run on the "best of everything" basis, and not on the deadening "chaw-raw-beef" idea that has obtained in the past.

THE SPHINX is certain that a man like Mr. McCarthy, with the prestige of the years he spent on the Brown Team, when he made the all-America,—and with the close attention he has paid to the game at Wisconsin and elsewhere during the years since his graduation from Brown, is the man Wisconsin needs. He is not dependent on a possible coachship for his subsistence, and if elected will not be hampered by worries and pledges for "next year." He will be utterly unbound and free and can turn all his energies to making a team which will truly represent Wisconsin, and which will be free from "Politics, Pressure or Prejudice."

When some fellows leave the 'Varsity, there is a sense of loss and a twinge of pain felt by all who knew them. One of this sort is Sam Elmore. In the midst of the fruition year of his course, when the goal of graduation was but a little way distant, he was compelled to drop all and go, and we all miss him. Sam is one of the few fellows who really amount to anything, of whom it can be said, "He has no enemies." Clean, honest, sincere, a hard worker, yet not a grind, a prominent student, but not a "grafter," a good fellow, but not a "sport," he is the finest type of Wisconsin man and we can ill do without him.

Good luck go with you, Sam!



WE HAVE had complaint that one Walter Nebel, of Madison, who lives at 331 W. Mifflin street, and one Kent B. North, of Cleveland, Ohio, who is domiciled at the Phi Psi Lodge, 811 State, are violating the Senior Resolutions. Mr. Nebel is given to the pipe and derby habit; Mr. North's specialty is the derby.



How It Happens

Bill (coming in)—Hello, Jim, you here, too?

Jim—Yep, got through bucking and came down for a small one.

Bill—Well, have one on me. Just one more won't hurt you. Then we'll go home.

Jim—All right, just one then. Barkeep, bring us two.

Pete (entering)—Howdy, bunch. Me for one dark brown. Room at this table for me? Yep, I'll have one if you'll have another one on me afterwards.

Bill—S'pose we'll have to, though I don't want it. Barkeep, one more. Here's how; bottoms up.

Pete—My turn now; three more, please.

Jim—Say, Pete, I've had two already and I don't want any more.

Pete—Aw, rats! 'nother won't hurt you; 'sides I'm goin' home right away. Barkeep, bring three—or, Jim, would you rather have something else?

Jim—Well, I guess I'll take a little port; and say, fellows, I don't feel right about this. I've drunk on both of you; you'll have to take a round on me next; but I won't partake myself, I've had enough.

Bill and Pete—Well I guess not! If we drink *on* you we drink *with* you, see!

Jim—O. K. I'll take my sip. What'll you have fellows?

Pete—'Nother beer.

Bill—High ball, ginger ale one.

Jim—Mine's a cocktail, vermouth, I guess, (raps on table with silver dollar). Barkeep!

(They drink).

Bill {
Jim { Well!
Pete }

Bill—Let's go.

Pete—All right.

Jim—Naw, let's finish up with one round, "Dutch." Barkeep!

Bill—Creme de menthe.

Pete—Rhine wine.

Jim—Curacoa.

John—(entering). Hello—Got nother chair, there? ah! Well, you can just add a beer for me to that order, and—Barkeep, take the round out of this—(handing out a two dollar bill).

This is followed by another round, "Dutch," then the entrance of Si, then several more treats, and—

2 P. M.

Jim, John, Bill, Pete, Si—(rolling down State).



"Cheer, cheer, gangsh shall here. Wash hell'sh we care now."

CONCLUSION:

It is no time for mirth and laughter,
The cold gray dawn of the morning after.



Jarvis—Say, Tim, hadn't you better chuck that stogie? You've smoked it all but an inch.

Tarvis—Guess you're right, I have got about to the end of my "rope."



Prof—Mr. Smith, what is a draft?

Smith—A draft is a current of air.

Prof—You are getting somewhat exuberant, aren't you?

Smith—Well, a draft is some sort of currency, I know.



The sailor gave a fearful howl and jumped fourteen yards back.

"Now, shiver me timbers," he shrieked aloud. "But I stepped on the windward tack."

Second Thought

Tom—Do you mean to say that l-o-b-s-t-e-r spells right?

Jack—I do.

Tom—How?

Jack—Well, l-o-b-s-t-e-r spells lobster, isn't that right?



Gridiron (in Piggskin's room)—I'll give you these shoes for your tennis shoes and your football.

Piggskin—Won't you trade even.

Gridiron—No, I want the football to boot.



"I guess they must think I'm traveling half fare," said Jones, looking at the place where the other half of his steaks ought to have been.

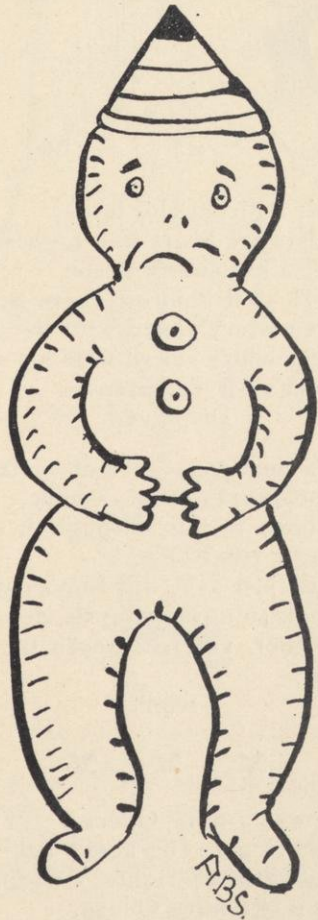


Freshman (to Morton)—Say, what makes you work so much longer in Fish's and Dodge's room than anywhere else?

Morton—Well, my boy, it takes a long time to pick up all the "R's" they've dropped.



"What's that ossified fish?"
"O, he's hard of Herring."



The candy man's a fraidy cat.
He wont fight if you "sic" him,
And also you will notice that
The smallest kid can lick him.

A. B. S.



We haven't a girl in this issue;
 Our artists are heart free I guess,
 There isn't a hint nor a tissue
 Of "girl"—but hold on, there is, yes.
 One maiden who's vexed with her lover
 One lover who's vexed with his maid,
 A true lover's tiff we discover
 Displayed.

Yes, that's the appearance of matters,
 But appearances often deceive,
 No love scene is this, through it smatters,
 Of being a tiff I believe,—
 "Come, sis, just a V, 'till tomorrow,
 Don't look so unyielding sis, don't,"
 "Nay, brother, you're smooth on the bor-
 row,
 I won't!"



I said she was a nifty Queen,
 The kind to glad the Poet's Pen,
 And I was right, all right—I ween,
 I said she was a nifty Queen,
 To-day she cut me cool and clean—
 (For queens don't speak to common men.)
 I said she was a nifty Queen,
 The kind to glad the Poet's Pen.

Archimedes had just finished his latest;
 theory and was very tired.

"Well, anyway," he meditated wearily,
 "it wasn't as hard as bucking for Olin."

Thanking his stars that he would be dead
 in 1904, he went to sleep in the bath tub.



Epigraphs

A woman is the most puzzling creature
 in creation, except a man.

There is as much difference between a
 "home" and a "house," as there is between
 a fireside chat and a duty call.

Men are only gods grown small.

Tell me what you eat and I will tell you
 the best remedy.

The main distinction between a fratern-
 ity and a clique, is that a fraternity is
 artificial.
 —Kim.



This girl isn't consistent with the verse on the opposite page, but who ever knew a girl to be consistent anyway?

"The tramp he lives on the fat of the land."
 "And how does he eat the fat?"
 "Why, he uses, forsooth, the forks of the road,
 Nothing is simpler than that."

x x x

"I want some new fairy tales father,
 where can I cop on a few?"
 "O, here is a bunch from the students
 that cut
 "For a month at a time—and get through."

First Poker Player—Will you see me on this hand?

Second Ditto, (who holds a four-flush—
 Thanks I can't, I'm nearsighted.

x x x

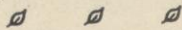
"Quiz?"
 "Yep."
 "Flunk?"
 "Yep."
 "Drunk?"
 "Yep!"

The Spendthrift



Some day when I am President,
 Applauded from the gallery,
 And not a common resident,
 I'll try to save my salary,
 With fifty thousand I could do,
 Most all the things I've wanted to.

With fifty thousand I could dine
 And dress, and drive most dandily,
 Smoke fine cigars, drink olden wine,
 Live high, and do it handily.
 And I am certain I could lay,
 At least two hundred plunks away.
 But just at present all I get
 I spend—and even get in debt.



“Alvin DePuyster Jones has left the Varsity, what's up?”

“O, he saw one of the professors on the street in evening clothes at one minute of six and he said the place was ‘too beastly crude foh him.’”

Weariness

(With apologies to Kipling.)

I'm sick—sick—sick—sick—sick of books
 and lecture notes,

Worn—worn—worn—worn—deathly worn
 with reading 'em.

Books—books—books—books, more and
 ever more of them.

There's no relief from it all.

It's buck—buck—buck—buck physics, math
 and history,

Notes—notes—notes—notes, wearing out
 my pen with them.

Books—books—books—books till I hate
 the sight of them.

There's no relief from it all.

Cram—cram—cram—cram till my brain is
 ossified;

I—swear—I—can't see the blooming use of
 it,

Books—books—books—books—then some
 more ad nauseam.

There's no relief from it all.

Quiz—test—quiz—test—always there's an-
 other one;

Eat—buck—buck—sleep—that's the way
 it always is;

Books—books—books—books—here's an-
 other pile of 'em.

There's no relief from it all.

I—have—heard—much talk of hell and sul-
 phur beds,

But—I—think—this—this is hell enough
 for me;

Books—books—books—books—damn the
 business anyhow.

There's no relief from it all.

KIM.



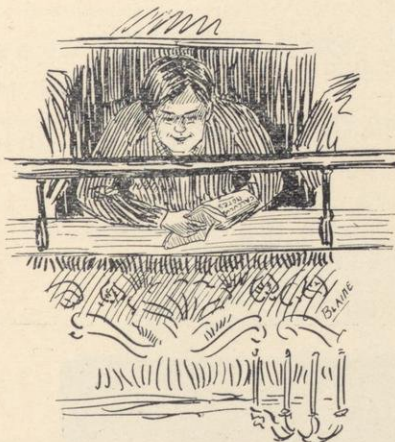
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Pater—(an alumnus)—Of course, my dear, there are no such places in Madison.

Clipped Quips

After It's Over

When Prue appears to see the game I straightway
am forsook
By all the plaguey problems that oppress my
pocket book.
The crucial cost of carriages, the parlous price of
seats,
The sums that must be squandered on her violets
and sweets.
Such monetary difficulties seem a skinch to handle.
Sure, when she lights existence so, the game is
worth the candle.

—Record.

“You look rather tired this morning.
Out late?”

“Yes. Laura is leaving town this morn-
ing and I had to give her a souvenir spoon.”
Widow.

“I see George is working in a butcher
shop.”

“What's he doing?”

“Putting tights on the sausages.—*Widow.*”

“What is all this bustle about?” demanded
the king sharply.

“Me,” timidly piped up the maid of honor
in the far corner.—*Chaparral.*

“You were late at the debutante's ball
last night.”

“Yes, I was just going in as they were
all coming out.”—*Record.*

First Pippin—Yes, I let him kiss me on
condition that he wouldn't tell anyone.

Second Ditto—So it's a secret?

First Ditto—Well, he repeated it right
away.—*Record.*

FOOTBALL IN THE EAST

Japanese General—What is that battery
over there?

Aide—Nothing but a dummy battery,
sir.

General—Very well, order a company to
go over and tackle the dummy?—*Tiger.*

ONE YEAR AFTER GRADUATION

Mrs. I. Life—John, get out of bed this
instant and go to church with me.

Sleepy voice from under the covers—
Don't bother me! I've got enough cuts.—
Tiger.



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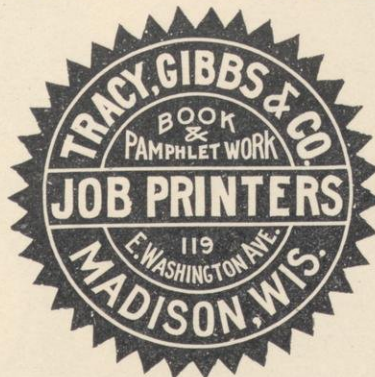
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